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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, May 23.

The nearness of the time for the meeting of the Republican National Convention makes the probable action of that body overshadow everything else as a topic of conversation at the Capitol. Will it be Harrison, or Blaine, or some of the numerous other gentlemen who have been mentioned? Your correspondent is not here to guess, but to furnish you with the news as it is.

President Harrison's action in ordering the members of his Cabinet to stay away from the Minneapolis Convention, after at least three of them—Secretaries Elkins and Tracy and Attorney-General Miller—had engaged quarters and made arrangements to attend, is regarded as significant, and has revived the rumor that after all Mr. Harrison's name may not appear before the Convention. But the long-headed politicians regard it rather as a very shrewd move to clear Mr. Harrison's candidacy of the charge of being backed by the Administration machine.

The confidence which the Harrison people have been expressing of his nomination on the first ballot is unquestionably growing weaker, and some of them now say there will probably be two or three ballots taken before he is nominated. The anti-Harrison people are on the contrary more confident than ever. They claim that Mr. Harrison is already defeated, and that his nomination is absolutely impossible. Many people have an impression that Mr. Blaine is to be nominated in spite of his letter and his constant reiteration that he does not want the nomination, and those who are working with that end in view appear to be confident that he will accept. Others are of the opinion that the Blaine scheme is merely being worked to weaken Harrison in order to give his opponents a chance to consolidate upon some one else.

No surprise was caused by the report of the World's Fair Investigating Committee of the House in favor of a big cut in the salaries of the officials connected with the exposition, beginning with reducing the salary of the Director-General from \$15,000 to \$8,000, and ending by declaring that no other official should receive more than \$4,000 a year. The Committee also recommends that the Department of Foreign Affairs be abolished and its work taken up by the Director-General. The Committee does not say so, but it has long been whispered around that some gentlemen had made very expensive and extensive pleasure trips in connection with the foreign affairs department of the exposition without gaining anything for the money spent. The Committee reports everything in excellent condition and the prospects bright for the most successful exposition ever held.

A very interesting discussion is being carried on privately—it may be public before it is ended—in Congress, as to the duty of the Department of Justice to endeavor to seek evidence to make cases under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. Attorney-General Miller's answer to the House resolution asking for information, stating that he had no knowledge of the Reading Railway and coal combine, except what he had seen in the newspapers, started the discussion. It is contended by many that this is a direct acknowledgment of neglect of duty, while others say that it is not the duty of the Department of Justice to take the initiative in such cases. "Then whose duty is it? ask the other fellows, without getting a satisfactory answer."

The Congressional Joint Immigration Committee expect to soon report some amendments to the immigration laws which they think will remedy the most glaring defects, particularly those concerning immigrants of the prohibited classes. No question about the remedy being needed.

Senator Vest has ideas of his own on Congressional appropriations. For instance, he said in answer to the charge of inconsistency in voting for the River and Harbor Bill and against increasing the navy: "Every dollar voted for the improvement of the water-ways of the country is intended to remove, and does remove, a burden from the people of the whole land, while every dollar voted for a ship of war that is not needed and that will only induce the country to get into a naval war is absolutely thrown away."

The Alliance Congressmen are still keeping up the fight for recognition, and

In consequence no bills are being passed by the House "by unanimous consent." There has been considerable talk among the politicians concerning the action of the South Carolina Democratic State Convention in adopting the Ocala demands as a part of its platform and refusing to bind itself to accept the Democratic national platform to be adopted at the Chicago Convention. It adds to the already complicated political situations. Secretary Busk is being congratulated on all sides upon the result of his efforts to open the markets of Europe to American port. The removal of the restrictions in Spain about completes his task.

AT THE THEATRES.

Adelina Patti Sings "Wang."

One of the largest and most brilliant audiences ever assembled in the spacious Broadway Theatre, New York city, was present at the house on last Saturday evening to witness the 384th performance of "Wang," and on no former occasion have Mr. Hopper and his talented associates ever appeared to better advantage, or a more perfect interpretation been given to, mirthful, melodious "Wang."

Prominently observable among Mr. Hopper's numerous auditors was peerless Adelina Patti, who, with her husband, Signor Niccolini, and members of her suite, occupied a stage box.

The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by the comedian's distinguished guests, for at the end of the first act, and again at the close of the performance, the charming diva, chaperoned by Manager Frank W. Sanger, went on the stage, and in the midst of its bustling activity and confusion, she personally complimented the star and jaunty Della Fox, as well as Jeannette St. Henry, Anna O'Keefe, Marion Singer, and the other principals of the organization. The bewitching songstress also commended Mr. Hopper's splendid vocal powers, and spoke in glowing terms of his admirable rendition of the charming ballad, "This Little Pig Went to Market," now sung by the comedian, instead of the pretty "Doll Chorus" formerly sung by the four little tots, the forced omission of which has been made necessary by reason of an arbitrary order, issued by Commodore Gerry of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, in which he prohibits the little children from doing what he had allowed them to do all last summer.

The initial week of Mr. Hopper's return engagement at the Broadway Theatre was the largest and most remunerative ever played by the jovial comedian in the metropolis, and the box-office returns show a decided increase over the earnings of the opening week of his former engagement last spring and summer.

"Wang" remains at the Broadway but one week longer, and on Saturday evening, June 4th, its 400th and final performance will occur.

Col. Morton's Testimonial.

Announcement of the programme of the testimonial benefit to Colonel W. M. Morton next Wednesday is made. The bill of the performance will, as usual, be varied in its features. It includes the Stevens College Banjo Club, of Hoboken in instrumental selections; Robert Mantell and Miss Helen Baker in the one-act drama, "A Lesson in Acting"; Imro Fox the comical conjurer; "Little Tuesday," the infantile actress and singer; Otis Skinner in recitation; Bryant and Masterton's vaudeville act; Frederick W. Elliott, the favorite tenor, with songs; Cassie May Matthews, the six-year-old banjoist and composer; Newcome and Lewells in their grotesque acts, and gymnastic exercises by the Newark Turnverein Vorwaerts. One of the most noticeable events of the pleasant social and dramatic affair will be the bright child who will be seen in her clever and very remarkable imitations, dances, etc. "Little Tuesday" is not yet 6 years old, but is said to possess remarkable talent, both as a mimic and dancer. She has none of the uncertain waves of babyhood in action or manner, but walks with an assured step and pose that is very graceful, and is one of the first things to attract attention to her performance while on the stage. "Little Tuesday" was seen at Miner's some weeks since in connection with "The Still Alarm" of Joseph Arthur, whose niece she is.

The Firemen Meet.

A largely attended meeting of the Bloomfield Fire Department was held at the Truck House on Thursday night to protest against the removal of the indicators. J. Howard Hardestad was elected chairman, and George S. Belford secretary. It was stated however, that the indicators would probably not be removed, and it was moved to adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

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Waiting for Bloomfield.

A resolution was adopted by the Montclair Town Committee on Monday night notifying the Bloomfield Town Committee that Montclair was ready to go ahead with their local sewer system, and requested the co-operation of Bloomfield in the construction of the portion of it that goes through Bloomfield's streets.

The salaries of the township officials were fixed as follows: Collector of Taxes, \$1,500; Town Counsel, \$750; Town Clerk, \$600; Road Superintendent, \$600; Township Engineer, \$8 a day; Poormaster, \$300; Matron of Poorhouse, \$200; Health Board Inspector, \$100; Janitor, \$120; Clerk of Fire Board, \$100.

Committee-man Pier introduced a resolution to pay the police justices \$100 each.

A. H. Siegfried, of the Citizens' Committee of 100, requested the Committee to instruct the police to keep a sharper lookout for the saloons.

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